

# KIDNAPERS PERM DEMPSEY BABY

## Threat Sent Ex-Champion

*Bodyguard Watching  
Wife and Child*

**U.S. INVESTIGATES**

*Note Warns of Plot  
Overheard*

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**U.S. INVESTIGATES**  
Dempsey, it was learned, received his card in New York. The former champion brought his wife and child here last week from New York for the duration of the service employees strike in that city.

While authorities were inclined to regard the incident as work of a crank, it is known that two Federal agents have been sent to investigate.

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Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Gandy	_____

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# Kidnap Threat to Dempsey

*19-Month-Old Joan  
Declared Periled*

**U.S. INVESTIGATES  
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From authoritative sources it was learned that Dempsey has said he intended to leave New York to be near his wife and child.



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## GUARDED AFTER THREAT



World heavyweight boxing champion, Max Baer, is under guard following a threat to his life. Federal and local authorities are pressing an investigation.

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- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Buchanan
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Mr. Gandy

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# Kidnap Threat Sent Dempsey; Daughter Is Put Under Guard

Police, Department of Justice Probe Note  
Warning Former Champion of  
Plot Against Baby

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9 (AP)—Officers investigated today an anonymous "tip" purporting to disclose a plot to kidnap Jack Dempsey's 18-months-old daughter, Joan Hannah. Whether the "tip" was accurate, the officers were unprepared to say.

The child, however, was placed under guard at a hotel here, where she is staying with her mother.

Acting Captain of Detectives James Farley admitted today that "rumors to the effect" that Dempsey and a friend had received postcards from an anonymous writer warning of a kidnaping plot against Joan were being investigated.

"As soon as we heard about it," Farley said, "we detailed a couple of our men to the hotel where the little girl is staying with her mother."

"As far as we've been able to find out," he added, "there's nothing to the report. It is probably the work of a crank."

Two department of justice agents

have been sent to this city and are making a searching inquiry into the origin of the alleged plot.

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, Broadway showgirl, and Joan have been at the hotel since Friday.

The Dempseys have refused to discuss the threats and the department of justice declined comment. Captain Farley indicated that police reticence was motivated by a desire to avoid alarming Mrs. Dempsey, who is an expectant mother.

Dempsey asserted the postcard to New York warned him that the writer had information "of a gentleman" planning to kidnap the child.

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Submitted by the SAC  
Salt Lake City

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# Dempsey baby kidnap plot just hoax

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 3.—(AP)—A kidnap threat aimed at his 19-month-old daughter Joan, was only a "hoax," Jack Dempsey said today.

The former heavyweight champion called a postcard describing a kidnap plot "the work of a crank."

"There's nothing to it," Dempsey said. "I've been getting a lot of phony letters like this but we don't heed them."

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Baughman
- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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# GET KIDNAP THREAT



THE JACK DENNETT FAMILY

WISCONSIN NEWS  
MARCH 9, 1936.

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## KIDNAP PLOT PROBED

## DEMPSEY DAUGHTER KIDNAP PLOT PROBED

By Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 10.—A hotel suite of Mrs. Jack Dempsey and her 19-month-old daughter, Hannah, was searched today by police officers while the former heavy-weight champion explained that anonymous letters had warned a friend of a purported plot to kidnap the child.

Dempsey said he had no knowledge of the purported plotting, but the guards remained close to the child and by mother the former Hannah Williams.

Dempsey said police precautions were taken after an Atlantic City friend whose name was not disclosed had received the kidnap plot reports from an anonymous person.

The postcard writer, Dempsey said, he had heard two men described as Polish gentlemen having plans for the kidnaping as they rode toward Atlantic City on a train from New York.

Acting Captain of Detectives Farley said: "It is probably the work of a crank. Two departments of justice men are aiding the investigation."

The Dempseys are staying in Atlantic City during the New York elevator strike.



Federal agents today turned their forces in Atlantic City to investigate a reported kidnaping plot against Jean Hannah Dempsey, 19-month-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavy-weight champ, and his wife, the former Hannah Williams of stage fame. Photo shows the Dempseys with their baby. Officers said the threats might be the work of cranks.

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## U. S. Agent Guarding Jack Dempsey's Baby

NEW YORK, March 19 — (AP) — Nineteen months old Joan Hannah Dempsey was back in New York today after a weekend trip to Atlantic City, and near her crib was stationed an agent of the department of justice's bureau of investigation. Her father, Jack, former heavy-weight boxing champion, expressed contempt for kidnapers by whom the baby was reported to have been threatened.

He said he had received threats threatening others, but had kept the news from his wife for three months.

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Miss G. R. 10  
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P. R. 10

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# CARDS TELL EX-CHAMP OF PERIL TO CHILD

Plot Is Overheard by  
Informant, Police,  
G-Men on Job.

By International News Service  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.  
March 8—Detectives have been assigned to guard Joan Dempsey, tiny daughter of Jack Dempsey, former world's heavy-weight champion, as a result of kidnaping threats, police disclosed today.

Two G-men also have been assigned to investigate the threats, it was said.

Dempsey and his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their daughter came to Atlantic City from New York Thursday because of the building service employees strike and registered at a Beachfront hotel.

## RECEIVE POSTCARDS

Dempsey and a local associate Friday received postcards which described a conversation between two men on a train bound from New York to Atlantic City. The anonymous postcard writer said the men spoke in a foreign language which he understood, and were discussing a plot to kidnap the ex-fighter's child.

Both cards were turned over to police, who notified the federal authorities in Washington.

Mrs. Dempsey, who is expecting another child in April, was not told of the warnings.

WISCONSIN NEWS  
MARCH 9, 1934.

## DEMISEYS WARNED OF KIDNAPING

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The precautions were taken, it was learned, after a friend of Dempsey and Jack himself had received post cards on which an anonymous writer warned them that "two Polish gentlemen" were plotting kidnapping the kidnaping.

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